

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 30, 2004 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-12 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 1, 4 and 7 are amended.

The specification was objected to due to numerous typographical errors as a result of the scanning procedure at the Patent Office. Therefore, applicants submit herewith a Substitute Specification with a marked-up version correcting the original specification. However, since the Substitute Specification does not reflect the changes from the Preliminary Amendment filed August 18, 2003, these amendments should be entered thereto. In addition, to the Preliminary Amendment, applicants also amend the Substitute Specification in order to insert reference to the prior applications and their current status as noted above.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because the final 2 lines of the Abstract refer to purported merits of the invention.

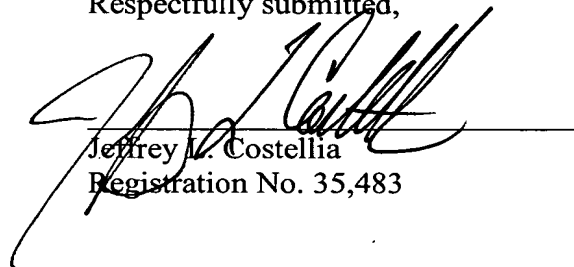
In view of the above, Applicants hereby submit a replacement Abstract of the Disclosure in order to overcome the rejections.

Claims 1-12 are objected to due to minor informalities.

Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the minor informalities.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-12 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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